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Appointment of a new member to the Committee for Development Policy

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In view of the resignation of a member of the Committee for Development Policy, Claudia Sheinbaum-Pardo (Mexico), and in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions 1998/46 and 1998/47, the Secretary-General has the honour to nominate Leticia Merino (Mexico) to replace Ms. Sheinbaum-Pardo for the term of office beginning on 1 January 2016. The proposed appointment would contribute to the continued balanced geographical and gender representation in the Committee, as called for in annex I to Council resolution 1998/46.

2. The candidate's term would begin on 1 January 2016 and end on 31 December 2018. Biographical information on the candidate is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Biographical information on Leticia Merino (Mexico)

Leticia Merino (Mexico) is a professor at the Institute of Social Research and in the postgraduate programme on sustainability offered at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. She has worked extensively on the contribution of natural resources to the livelihoods of rural communities, particularly the rural poor in Mexico and Central America. Topics relating to her research include environmental governance, focusing on collective property, collective action and, more recently, the impacts of outmigration on the natural commons, and the impacts of policies on the livelihoods of the rural poor and on community management of natural resources. Ms. Merino is the former president of the International Association for the Study of the Commons and coordinator of the Elinor Ostrom Award, and has been a member of the Board of the International Association for the Study of the Commons and of the Board of the community programme of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation; a fellow of the International Leadership for Environment and Development Program and of the International Forestry Resources and Institutions research programme; and a consultant for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Bank, the Ministry of the Environment of Mexico, the Ministry of the Environment of El Salvador, the Ford Foundation and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit. She holds a master's degree in Population from Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, and a PhD in Anthropology from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and has undertaken postdoctoral studies at the Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University. She has authored and co-authored several books and articles. She has been an invited teacher at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, Guatemala; the University of Gloucestershire, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; the University of Córdoba and the University of Navarra, Spain; the Foundation for Ecological Security, India; Indiana University, United States of America; and McGill University, Canada.